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1971 ANNUAL REPORT

by the

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and the

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Public Health Department,
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

To the Chairman and Members of Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1971.

The health of the area is satisfactory and is comparable with that of the country as a whole.

I should like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support throughout the year and also to thank the Council's officers and especially Mr. N. R. Darling for their help and co-operation.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
P. S. R. BURRELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	3,686
Population (Registrar General's Estimate for mid-1971) ...	19,690
Population (England and Wales)	48,815,000
Number of inhabited houses	6,347
Rateable Value	£445,079
Product of a Penny Rate (2,394 x 2.4)	£5,745.60p

TABLE I

VITAL STATISTICS

	Saltburn & Marske U.D.C. Male	Female	Total	England & Wales Total
Live Births:				
Legitimate	216	189	405	717,491
Illegitimate	11	11	22	65,674
Total	227	200	427	783,165
Still Births:				
Legitimate	2	1	3	8,826
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,072
Total	2	1	3	9,898
Total Live and Still Births:				
Legitimate	218	190	408	726,317
Illegitimate	11	11	22	66,746
Total	229	201	430	793,063
Deaths of infants under 1 year:				
Legitimate	2	4	6	12,140
Illegitimate	—	—	—	1,586
Total	2	4	6	13,726
Under 4 weeks:				
Legitimate	2	4	6	8,121
Illegitimate	—	—	—	992
Total	2	4	6	9,113
Under 1 week:				
Legitimate	2	4	6	6,903
Illegitimate	—	—	—	847
Total	2	4	6	7,750
Deaths, all ages	96	86	182	567,345

TABLE II

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES, etc.

LIVE BIRTH RATES, etc.	Saltburn & Marske	England & Wales
Live births per 1,000 population (crude rate)	21.7	16.0
Area comparability factor	0.90	1.0
Adjusted Rate (Saltburn & Marske)	19.5	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.22	1.0
Illegitimate Rate as percentage of all live births	5	8
Still Births Rate (1,000 total live and still births) ...	7	12
Infant Mortality Rate		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	14	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	15	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—	24
Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	14	12
Early Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	14	10
Perinatal mortality rate Still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and still births	21	22
DEATH RATES		
Deaths per 1,000 population (crude rate)	9.2	11.6
Area comparability factor	1.35	1.0
Adjusted rate (Saltburn & Marske)	12.4	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.14	1.0

TABLE III

Deaths by Age Groups:

Under 4 weeks	6	35 years — 44 years	2
4 Weeks — 1 year	—	45 years — 54 years	12
1 year — 4 years	—	55 years — 64 years	27
5 years — 14 years	—	65 years to 75 years	47
15 years — 24 years	2	75 years and over	83
25 years — 34 years	3		
			182

TABLE IV

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

		Male	Female	Total
B6 (1)	Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	1	—	1
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc. ...	—	1	1
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	1	2	3
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	—	1
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	—	4
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	3	—	3
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	5	5
B19(10)	Leukaemia	—	1	1
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	8	2	10
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
B23	Anaemias	—	1	1
B46(3)	Mental Disorders	—	1	1
B46(4)	Multiple Sclerosis	2	—	2
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	1	1	2
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	1	3	4
B27	Hypertensive Disease	1	—	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	27	21	48
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	4	7
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	11	18	29
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	4	1	5
B32	Pneumonia	11	8	19
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	1	5
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	—	1
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ..	1	—	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	2	—	2
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ...	—	2	2
B42	Congenital Anomalies	—	1	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ...	2	1	3
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ...	—	2	2
B45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ...	2	—	2
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	—	1
BE48	All other accidents	2	6	8
BE49	Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries ...	1	1	2
BE50	All other External Causes	—	1	1
Total —	All Causes	96	86	182

SALTBURN AND MARSKE

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1971

	1971 Population 19,690	1970 Population 18,460	1969 Population 17,820	1968 Population 16,820
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—
Measles	104	269	29	216
Whooping Cough ...	7	20	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	—
Anterior Poliomyletis ...	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	1	—	1	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	110	1
Infective Jaundice	1	—	11	—

NOTIFICATIONS OF RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS 1971

Male Age Groups							Female Age Groups							
0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	Over 65	Total	Total
—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

COMMENTARY

Population:

There has been a marked rise in the popultaion of the area, from 18,460 in 1970 to 19,690 in 1971, an increase of 1,230 or 6.6 per cent. This compares with growth in previous years of 640 (1970) 1,000 (1969) and 1,190 (1968). Separate figures for the three main townships in the area are not available but it is probable that the increase is in the main due to new building in New Marske.

The birth rate is 19.5 per 1,000 or about 22% above the rate of 16.0 per 1,000 for England and Wales. As mentioned in earlier annual reports this is probably due to an influx of young people into new housing development.

The adjusted death rate as 12.4 per 1,000 compared with 13.4 last year and with 11.6 for England and Wales.

Illegitimate births fell from 27 in 1970 to 22 in 1971 or 5% of all live births. These figures are lower than those of the previous year (27 illegitimate births or 7% of all live births) and lower than those for England and Wales.

Infectious Diseases:

The only infectious disease of which any considerable number of notifications was received was measles, there being 104 notified cases. These consisted of the later cases of an epidemic which began in the previous year and occurred in the early months of the year. Only sporadic infections occurred in the second half of the year.

There were seven cases of whooping cough in 1970. Unfortunately the vaccines available are not as effective as one would wish and small outbreaks from time to time cannot be avoided. A further difficulty is that new strains of bacteria appear from time to time and existing vaccines are not necessarily effective against them.

Only one case of tuberculosis was notified during the year.

Immunisation:

Routine immunisation against diptheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles continues to be offered to infants in their early months. Measles vaccination is slowly gaining general acceptance but many parents still fail to attend their appointments. Efforts are still being made to promote a better uptake. It is regrettable that many people regard measles as a minor and inevitable infection and fail to realise that serious ill-health may result from it.

Vaccination against rubella (german measles) is offered to girls on entering secondary school and this procedure has been generally accepted by all concerned. Reactions to the vaccine are uncommon and mild if they occur at all; this is an important factor and probably accounts for some of the failure to take up measles vaccine in which reactions are sometimes marked.

Meals on Wheels:

Meals on wheels are provided to old people in both Saltburn and Marske by the W.R.V.S. The service is greatly appreciated by the recipients and I have previously noted that apart from maintaining nutrition the meals on wheels service forms a valuable monitoring service between the needy and the local authority services.

Food Hygiene:

Food hygiene standards are satisfactory. Complaints received from time to time are investigated and appropriate action taken. Taking dogs into food shops continues to be a source of annoyance to both customers and shopkeepers who try to maintain good standards of hygiene on their premises.

Water Supply:

The whole Urban District is supplied by mains water by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Samples are taken at regular intervals and have proved satisfactory. I am informed that the natural fluoride content of the water is of the order of 0.1 — 0.3 parts per million. This is well below the optimum level of one part per million for the prevention of dental decay.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

PART I OF THE ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	55	71	9
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	5	5	—
TOTAL	60	76	**9**

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) Unsuitable or Defective	3	3
TOTAL	4	4

CLINIC FACILITIES IN THE AREA

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday and Friday at 1-30 p.m. (This Clinic is staffed by the Regional Hospital Board).

CHILD WELFARE SESSIONS:

Marske Clinic. Mondays at 2 p.m.
The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.
New Marske. Last Thursday of month at 10 a.m.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Wednesdays at 10-30 a.m.

IMMUNIZATIONS SESSIONS:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Wednesday at 2 p.m.
Marske Clinic. Mondays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

CHIROPODY CLINIC:

Red Cross House, Amber Street, Saltburn. By appointment.
Marske Clinic By appointment.
A domicilary service is available to persons unable to travel to the clinics by reason of infirmity.

SPEECH THERAPY:

Marske Clinic. Fridays by appointment.

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE:

The Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn. Every Tuesday at 7-00 p.m.
Marske Clinic. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1971

N. R. DARLING, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Certificated Meat Inspector

To the Chairman and Members of the Saltburn and Marske-by-the-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my twenty-fifth annual report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

The staff of the department consists of an additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. R. Evans, one full-time Shorthand Typist/Clerk and a full-time Rodent Operator.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF FOOD

Regular inspections have been made of cafes, hotel kitchens, ice cream premises, food shops, stalls and vehicles for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960/70, Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 and Bye-Laws.

During the year, 83 warnings were given in respect of breaches of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following articles of food, other than fresh meat, were surrendered to me during the year and classified us unfit for human consumption:—

Tinned Goods	159 lb. 4 oz.
Frozen Goods	824 lb. 6 oz.
Total	983 lb. 10 oz.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

At the beginning of the year there was one licensed slaughterhouse in the district, and one hundred per cent meat inspection was carried out following slaughter. During the year 263 visits were made and the carcasses and organs of 673 animals were inspected. The total weight of meat classified as unfit for human consumption was 57 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Regulations — No contraventions of the Regulations were found during the year.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or Part:

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	142	—	—	531	—	—
Number Inspected	142	—	—	531	—	—
All Diseases (except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci) Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned ...	12	—	—	13	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	8.5	—	—	2.4	—	—
Tuberculosis only: Whole Carcasses Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of Number Inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticerosis	—	—	—	—	—	—

Meat was condemned for the following reasons:

	lbs.
Cirrhosis	6
Pneumonia	6
Parasitic affection ...	7
Abscesses	4
Total	23

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Certificates of Registration have been granted under Section 16 of the above Act for the sale of ice-cream and the manufacture of sausage, etc.

Sale of Ice-Cream	64
Manufacture of Pickled, Pressed or Preserved Food and Sausage including Fried Fish Shops	15

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Two licences to Slaughter Animals were renewed during the year.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

An Order is in force prohibiting the sale of shellfish collected on the foreshore for human consumption and notices are exhibited on the approaches to the area where the shellfish are found.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 to 1961

At the end of 1971 there were 60 factories on the register of the Local Authority. During the year, 76 visits were made to the premises and 9 notices were served in respect of breaches of the Regulations with regard to cleanliness and sanitary conveniences.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Herewith is a tabulated statement of the inspection made during the twelve months under review:

Total number of inspections	2464
Total number of Nuisances and Defects Found	594
Total number of Nuisances and Defects Abated	594
Total number of Informal Notices	215
Total number of Informal Notices Complied With ...	215
Total number of Informal Notices Outstanding	Nil
Total number of Statutory Notices	Nil

LIST OF DEFECTS

Defective or no proper drainage	3
Dirty Yard	2
Defective or absence of eavesgutter	17
Defective chimney	4
Accumulation of refuse	7
Unsatisfactory water supply	9
Nuisances	6
Blocked Drain	7
Damp Walls (Internal)	51
Breach of Tenancy	1
Absence of Bathroom	5
Absence of Bath	5
Absence of Wash-hand basin	5
Absence of Hot Water supply	6
Absence of water closet in dwelling	5
Dilapidated structures	4
Defective water closet basin	1
Breach of Food Hygiene Regulations	106
Breach of Factories Act	13
Dangerous Staircase	9
Defective door	2
Defective waste pipe	10
Defective soil pipe	8
Defective or perished wall plaster	70
Defective windows or window frames	35
Perished pointing	2
Lack of ventilation	4
Defective roof	26
Defective rendering	10
Insufficient water supply	5
Defective ceiling	16
Defective floors	2
Absence of or defective downpipe	12
Broken Step	3
Breach of Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	91
Deffective Walls	22
Untidy Garden	3
Defective Firebacks	6
Absence of or defective weatherboard	—
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LICENSED PREMISES

Visits have been made to all licensed premises in the area for the purpose of checking sanitary accommodation, washing facilities and general conditions under the Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed sites in the area, the larger being under the control of the local authority and having accommodation for 525 caravans. There is a small private site which has accommodation for four caravans.

The sites are provided with washing facilities, piped water supply, waste water drainage and water closets.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 179, this total being made up of 32 offices, 113 retail shops and 34 catering establishments open to the public. The total number of persons employed at these premises was 535. A total of 137 visits were made by Inspectors to registered premises.

The majority of premises comply with the regulations, breaches of the regulations found were—

Cleanliness	18	Clothing Accommodation	1
Temperature	2	Seating Facilities	2
Ventilation	4	Floor, passage & stairs	17
Lighting	14	Fencing of machines	3
Sanitary Accommodation	8	First Aid	5
Washing Facilities	2	Miscellaneous	18

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council employs a full-time Rodent Operator and herewith is a tabulated statement of the work carried out during the year. These services are provided free to householders and a charge is made to business premises.

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other including Business Premises	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	(5)
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District ...	15	6346	906	7252	31
2. No. of Properties inspected as a result of notification.	2	300	90	392	—
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	3	202	425	630	5
House Mouse—Minor	—	105	100	205	1
3. No. of Properties inspected in course of Survey under the Act	15	60	46	121	20
No. of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat—Minor	8	49	32	89	4
House Mouse—Minor	2	29	10	41	2
4. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections.	201	115	205	521	20
5. No. of Infested Properties (in Sections 2 and 3) treated by Local Authority.	2	115	50	167	2

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council are members of the National Society for Clean Air and the Teesside Clean Air Committee.

Two deposit gauges are in use in the area, one being sited at Marske-by-the-Sea in the playing field of the Junior School, Windy Hill Lane, by kind permission of the Secretary for Education and one in the Police Station grounds at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The tables show the results for the twelve months together with wind records for the period.

Two volumetric gauges are in use, one at 30 Vicarage Drive, Marske-by-the-Sea and one at the Clinic, Bath Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. In addition to smoke readings sulphur dioxide readings are taken on the machine at Saltburn.

During the year a mobile exhibition organised by the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation was in the area and the attendance was satisfactory.

SMOKE CONTROL ORDER — CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

One area is in operation and two other Orders have been made and submitted to the Department of the Environment for confirmation.

The date the first order came into operation was delayed for 6 months due to fuel shortages and came into operation on the 1st of May, 1971.

Order No.	Area	Private Dwellings	Council Dwellings	Industrial Premises	Commercial Premises	Others
1	1890	584	Nil	25	1	—
2	311	950	Nil	5	2	4
3	405	490	Nil	—	3	1
	2606	2024	Nil	30	6	5

MARSKE GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.2	4.84	1.85	1.34
February	6.5	1.64	0.75	0.38
March	6.5	4.07	1.42	0.67
April	Not received			
May	6.6	5.28	1.72	1.04
June	5.2	6.67	2.63	1.33
July	6.0	1.44	1.96	0.37
August	5.5	2.04	4.95	0.77
September	6.1	2.27	0.65	0.32
October	6.0	1.27	0.95	0.35
November	5.0	4.91	3.47	0.70
December	4.8	1.67	0.37	0.32
Total	63.4	36.10	20.72	7.59
Average	5.7	3.28	1.88	6.8

SALTBURN GAUGE

	PH Value	Undissolved Matter Tons/sq. Mile	Rainfall in Inches	Fe_2O_3
January	5.3	3.58	1.97	0.70
February	6.8	0.79	0.91	0.22
March	6.2	2.00	1.12	0.58
April	Contaminated — Not tested			
May	6.8	5.34	1.61	1.30
June	5.4	1.94	2.87	0.44
July	6.2	2.91	1.92	0.60
August	5.0	2.05	4.57	0.34
September	5.2	1.31	0.67	0.30
October	6.1	2.07	1.04	0.30
November	5.6	1.34	3.72	0.16
December	Not received			
Total	58.6	23.33	20.40	4.74
Average	5.8	2.23	2.4	4.7

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
MARSKE SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre Highest	Lowest	Average
January	202	22	74.8
February	183	16	67.6
March	93	19	47.1
April	40	10	25.7
May	38	6	15.5
June	30	8	16.1
July	23	4	10.2
August	19	6	11.66
September	45	5	21.5
October	58	10	28.93
November	63	12	30.2
December	192	8	46.5

SALTBURN SMOKE READING

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre Highest	Lowest	Average
January	196	9	78.6
February	205	22	93
March	142	20	52.8
April	51	4	26.9
May	56	3	26.3
June	48	8	21.1
July	27	5	12.5
August	28	1	14.76
September	77	7	32.4
October	73	7	31.42
November	110	11	46.1
December	256	13	65.7

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
MARSKE SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	171	24	66.8
February	93	12	53.7
March	61	18	36.4
April	67	11	27.2
May	51	9	25.6
June	38	9	19.3
July	26	6	18.9
August	57	9	21.6
September	95	12	26.9
October	55	11	30.67
November	74	20	41.7
December	153	27	59.8

VOLUMETRIC SMOKE GAUGE
SALTBURN SULPHUR DIOXIDE READINGS

	Micrograms/Cu. Metre		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
January	25.7	0	77.3
February	119	16	61.8
March	79	16	36.1
April	174	15	37.5
May	61	11	26.9
June	43	10	22.4
July	45	11	28.5
August	53	7	24.82
September	75	18	30.85
October	64	11	27.73
November	49	11	31
December	134	21	50.5

WIND RECORDS 1971 — TOTAL HOURS

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm	No Rec.
January	54	51	24	20	46	330	173	46	0	0
February	20	4	11	3	33	291	212	79	1	18
March	81	121	89	31	24	165	156	77	0	0
April	47	168	208	9	28	65	137	52	2	4
May	21	31	184	7	20	247	159	73	2	0
June	32	175	185	20	12	112	119	61	3	1
July	43	108	176	15	8	113	179	89	9	4
August	45	113	125	13	7	145	187	93	2	14
September	20	66	113	10	27	206	185	52	17	24
October	13	32	22	10	39	271	289	43	7	46
November	113	44	16	1	12	203	229	92	0	10
December	12	81	0	0	40	483	85	2	1	40
Average	41.7	82	96	11.6	24	2.19	1.76	66	3.7	1.34

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence issued under the above Act was renewed during the year. The premises registered were visited regularly and no breaches of the Act were found during the year.

HOUSING

During 1971, 59 Council Houses, 7 Council Flats and I Pre-Fab were allocated and 29 applicants for Elderly Persons Accommodation were re-housed.

During the year 37 applications were received from tenants for exchanges of Council houses and 26 exchanges took place. Three applications for permission to take lodgers were received and all were approved by the Council.

WARDEN SERVICES TO ELDERLY PERSONS ACCOMMODATION

There are 9 wardens employed by the Council in connection with groups of elderly persons bungalows and flats. This scheme is worked under the grant aid scheme of the North Riding County Council of up to £30 per head for each person eligible for Warden Service. Housing accommodation is provided for every Warden and an intercommunication system is installed in every elderly persons accommodation, so that they have direct contact with the Warden.

This service has proved very satisfactory and the elderly people are very happy with it. The Wardens carry out their work in a very satisfactory manner and have been of great help to the occupants of the accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS ACT, 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1969.

Nineteen applications were received for Discretionary Grants during the year and sixteen were approved by the Council.

Twelve applications for Standard Grants were received and twelve approved by the Council during the year. The number of amenities provided was as follows:—

Baths	12
Wash-hand basins	12
Hot Water Supplies	6
Water Closets inside Dwellings	12

The total amount of grants paid by the Council during 1971 was as follows:—

Discretionary Grants	£9,356.45
Standard Grants	£1,829.62
	£11,186.07

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of Flats and Houses completed in 1971:—

(a) Council	76
(b) Other	240

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee and Councillors for supporting me in my work during the year, and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P. S. R. Burrell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., for the encouragement and advice he has given me during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, the Engineer and Surveyor, Officials and Staff of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

N. R. DARLING.